

DIGGING IN

QUESTIONS FROM CHAPEL



Each week, we'll supply discussion questions as a follow-up to our Chapel speakers. Listen to the podcast on your own, or with your small group, and use these questions to help stimulate your discussion.

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Luke 10:25-37

1. The parable of The Good Samaritan lets us look at parts of ourselves through the different characters in the story—the man, the thief, the selfish ones, the Samaritan. Listen to how Pastor Younan describes each. Then prayerfully, ask God to show you where your story intersects with this parable. What part of you is like the man? The thief? The selfish ones? Confess that part of you and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to change you.

How is God already using you as the Samaritan in someone's life? No work of mercy and compassion is too small to count here! How is God using your church, your small group, your community group, your kid's school, your place of business, to be the Samaritan for someone/s? Thank God for these works of mercy and compassion and ask God to continue to show you how to help those in need.

2. Pastor Younan asked the question—Who Is My Neighbor? People in need are our neighbors. We meet many people on our journey who are in need. Make a list of who he described as our neighbor and talk together about who you know that might fit this list. How can you be the Samaritan to one of them?

Also talk about how you are in need and then let the people around you care for you through prayer, giving their time to you, helping meet a need for you or simply listening to you.

3. Sometimes, people are in need because they are persecuted. Look at either or both of these websites:

The Voice of the Martyrs <http://www.persecution.com/>

Open Door . www.odusa.org

Both websites give updates on persecuted Christians around the world. Pick a country, read about it and pray together for the Christians there. Maybe make a commitment to pray each day for a month for a different nation.